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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John F. SHANLEY *et al.*

Application No.: **10/824,124**

Filing Date: 13 April 2004

For: Expandable Medical Device with S-Shaped
Bridging Elements

Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Bui, Vy Q.

Attorney Ref. No.: P003 C5

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 18 April 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period of response thereto, please amend the application as follows. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, and the applicable fee, is filed concurrently herewith.